

Maine Revised Statutes
Title 12: CONSERVATION
Chapter 627: GENERAL PROHIBITIONS

§6952-A. TRAWLING, SEINING OR NETTING FOR LOBSTER

1. Trawling, seining or netting for lobsters prohibited. A person may not:

A. Fish for or take lobsters by use of a trawl, drag, dredge, seine or net; or [2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §21 (AMD).]

B. Possess any lobsters, regardless of their source, on board any boat rigged for dragging, trawling, dredging, seining or netting. [2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §21 (AMD).]

[2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §21 (AMD) .]

2. Exception; liberated alive. A person does not violate this section if the lobster is immediately liberated alive in the coastal waters.

[2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §36 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF) .]

3. Exceptions; boats. This section does not apply to:

A. A boat rigged for dragging, trawling, dredging or seining if all nets, drags and dredges are removed from the boat; or [2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §22 (AMD).]

B. A boat rigged for netting if there are no finfish taken by gill net aboard. [2003, c. 452, Pt. F, §36 (NEW); 2003, c. 452, Pt. X, §2 (AFF).]

[2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §22 (AMD) .]

4. Penalty for possession. A violation of this section is a Class D crime, except that in addition to any punishment that may be imposed under Title 17-A, Part 3, the court shall impose a fine of \$500 for each violation and, in addition, a fine of \$100 for each lobster involved, up to and including the first 5, and a fine of \$200 for each lobster in excess of 5, or, if the number of lobsters cannot be determined, a fine of not less than \$1,000 or more than \$5,000.

[2013, c. 468, §42 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 452, §F36 (NEW). 2003, c. 452, §X2 (AFF). 2009, c. 394, §14 (AMD). 2011, c. 266, Pt. A, §§21, 22 (AMD). 2013, c. 468, §42 (AMD).

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